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SUBJ: LOS: GROUP OF FIVE MEETING ON POLLUTION

1. SUMMARY. GROUP OF FIVE (US, USSR, UK, FRANCE, JAPAN)
MET JULY 10 TO DISCUSS JAPANESE AND US DRAFT POLLUTION ARTICLES.

2. JAPAN EXPLAINED ITS DRAFT (COPY POUCHED) AND MOST DISCUSSION
CENTERED ON TWO PROPOSALS. FIRST IS FOR ZONE BEYOND TERRITORIAL
SEA OVER WHICH COASTAL STATE WOULD HAVE RIGHT ENFORCE INTERNA-
TIONAL STANDARDS AGAINST VESSEL DISCHARGES AND DUMPING. SECOND
FOR SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY PROVISION WHICH WOULD HAVE POLLUTION
STANDARDS APPLY TO MILITARY VESSELS AND AIRCRAFT BUT HAVE NO
ENFORCEMENT EXCEPT TO FLAG STATE. JAPAN INDICATED DOMESTIC POLLU-
TION CONSIDERATIONS BEHIND BOTH PROPOSALS.

3. US STRONGLY OPPOSED BOTH PROPOSALS AS DID USSR. FRENCH SAID
THEY FAVORED ENFORCEMENT ZONE (ALTHOUGH THEY INDICATED PROVATELY
THEY HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS). UK SAID DID NOT LIKE ZONE SINCE
POLLUTION WAS GLOBAL PROBLEM BUT FELT SOME CONCESSION EVENTUALLY
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NEEDED TO COASTAL STATES.

4. US INTRODUCED AND EXPLAINED ITS DRAFT ARTICLES AND MEETING
ENDED AFTER BRIEF COMMENT. ANOTHER MEETING SCHEDULED JULY 12.
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